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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 24098

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TERRORIST INCIDENT AT IRAQI
EMBASSY IN PARIS

1. THE JULY 31 TERRORIST INCIDENT AT THE IRAQI EMBASSY
HERE CONCLUDED IN HIGHLY PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES; A
FRENCH POLICEMAN WAS KILLED, APPARENTLY BY IRAQI SE-
CURITY GUARDS, AFTER THE LONE TERRORIST HAD SURRENDERED
AND WAS BEING ESCORTED BY FRENCH POLICE TO A WAITING
VAN. THE FRENCH POLICE THEN RETURNED IRAQI FIRE AND
KILLED AN EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD. THIS VERSION OF
EVENTS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY THE FRENCH
POLICE, BUT THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR HERE HAS IMPLIED THAT
THE GUNFIRE WHICH KILLED THE FRENCH POLICEMAN MAY
ACTUALLY HAVE COME FROM UNIDENTIFIED ACCOMPLICES OF
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THE TERRORIST.

2. DESPITE THE IRRITATION OF THE POLICE, AND AN
INDIGNANT REACTION BY THE PARIS PRESS, THE GOF IS
PLAYING DOWN THE AFFAIR. THE POLICE HAVE TAKEN THREE
IRAQI SECURITY GUARDS INTO CUSTODY AND ARE CARRYING
OUT AN INVESTIGATION, BUT THE FRENCH HAVE AN INTEREST
IN MAINTAINING THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AND OUR

OFFICIAL CONTACTS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THIS INCIDENT
WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DAMAGE THOSE RELATIONS.
HARTMAN

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